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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO
WASHINGTON

REF; TOSEC 30134 (STATE 83065)

1. FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN CALLED THE DEPARTMENT EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO RELAY A FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S OFFICE. GENSCHER CURRENTLY PLANS TO FLY TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, ARRIVING IN TIME FOR AN ELEVEN AM MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. HE WOULD THEN HOPE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT IN THE AFTERNOON. HOWEVER, IF IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE GENSCHER IN THE MORNING, GENSCHER WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE GERMANY ON MONDAY EVENING APRIL 3, AS SOON AS THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL COMPLETES ITS DELIBERATIONS ON THE ERW, ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON IN TIME FOR AN EARLY MORNING
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APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 4. VON STADEN EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE CHANCELLOR ATTACHES TO HAVING HIS FOREIGN MINISTER MEET THE PRESIDENT, AND GENSCHER'S DESIRE TO AFFORD THE PRESIDENT MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FRAN VOORDE TO SEE WHETHER

AN APPOINTMENT IS POSSIBLE. SHE HAS VERY REPEAT VERY TENTATIVELY PUT 2:45 PM ON TUESDAY ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, FOR A 15-20 MINUTE CALL. HOWEVER, SHE IS DOUBLE-CHECKING THIS WITH TIM KRAFT. YOU MAY WANT TO MENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER TO MR. VANCE OR, IF YOU THINK IT PREFERABLE, TO TIM KRAFT.

3. INCIDENTALLY, DAVID ANDERSON HAS READ THE SECRETARY'S "DER SPIEGEL" INTERVIEW AND SHORT FRONTISPIECE BLURB ON MR. VANCE. THE MAGAZINE HAS TREATED HIM EXTREMELY WELL. ALMOST THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW, PLUS WRITTEN Q'S AND A'S, IS INCLUDED, ALONG WITH SOME NICE PERSONAL TOUCHES ABOUT HIM IN THE FRONTISPIECE. MEANWHILE, THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE IS PUTTING OUT THE WORD ON BACKGROUND TO JOURNALISTS THAT GENSCHER IS DELIGHTED WITH THE INTERVIEW.

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